

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
October 3, 2015

September 2015 Highlights:

- Rancho San Rafael Park hosted an exciting volunteer event in partnership with HandsOn Bay Area and their client AAA Insurance of California, Nevada and Utah. On Thursday, September 17th, 170 volunteers including 12 project leaders from HandsOn Bay Area participated. Projects included painting and staining the hay barn, planting apple trees and two separate flower gardens, weeding the sunflower pasture, painting murals in the Discovery Room bathrooms and inside the new car museum, spreading new decomposed granite and sand, extensive weeding and beautification, and the towing of five antique vehicles for permanent residence into the Nevada Farms and Family area. An approximated \$8,000 in supplies was purchased by AAA for the event, and an additional \$10,000 check was presented to Rancho San Rafael Park to continue beautification and programing within the Nevada Farms and Family area!
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful's Truckee River Cleanup took place on Saturday, September 26th with a record 1016 volunteers taking part at all volunteer sites. Participating Washoe County sites included Mayberry Park, Crystal Peak Park, Dorostkar Park, Ambrose Park and Lockwood Park. These five parks hosted 243 volunteers from 9am to noon, which amounting to 729 total volunteer hours! Washoe County staff was on hand to lead the projects including extensive weed removal, trail maintenance, and tree wrapping.

Upcoming Events:

- Volunteer assignments for this year's Pumpkin Walk taking place at Rancho San Rafael Park on Friday, October 9th are almost complete. Five hundred pumpkins will be hand carved primarily by volunteer groups. This year's groups include students from the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technologies; Boys and Girls Club; Charles River Laboratories; and Arboretum volunteers. UNR Fraternity Theta Chi will also be on hand to set up/ pick up all pumpkins before and after the event. Other volunteers will help with treat stations, photo stations, sell refreshments, and greet guests. The City of Reno's Senior Advocate Volunteer Effort (SAVE) has volunteered to help with crowd management and parking.
- Plans continue for Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful's Make a Difference Day which will take place on Saturday, October, 24th. Sun Valley Regional Park has been selected as the volunteer picnic site, and will also likely be a volunteer site.

September Volunteer Hours/Value:

	September 2015	September 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2015/2016	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	3,322.75	2,999.25	10.8%	7,162.85	11,575.50	-38.1%
# of Intern Hrs	559.25	288	94.2%	1,076.25	948.75	13.4%
Total Dollar Value*	\$89,557.74	\$74,127.89	20.8%	\$190,076.03	\$282,421.83	-32.7%

*The hourly rate of \$23.07 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.